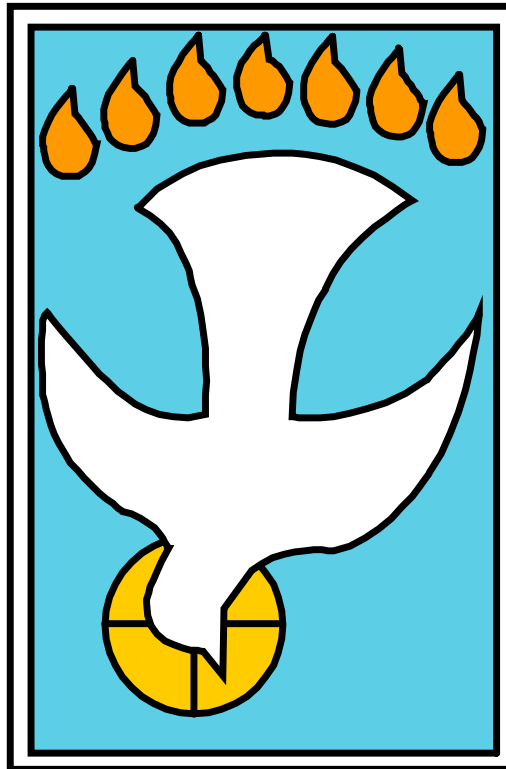




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A PUBLIC SERVICE OF HEALING

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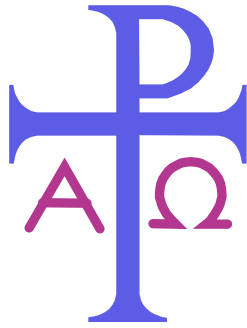
The Book of Occasional Services

For use by this Congregation

in Public Worship

As well as individuals

for private devotion



God's Word to us

I have heard your prayer. I have seen your tears: surely I will heal you.:
II Kings 20:5

“Surely, He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by his stripes we are healed.”
Isaiah 53:4-5

“The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
Psalm 27:1

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things.”
Romans 8:31-32

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”
1 John 5:14

“They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.”
Mark 6:13

A Public Service of Healing



The service begins as appointed for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, or with the Penitential Order, or with the following greeting

Celebrant: Grace and peace be with you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Celebrant says this or some other appropriate Collect

O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

One or two lessons are read before the Gospel.

Between the Lessons, and before the Gospel, a Psalm, hymn, or anthem may be sung or said.

A sermon or meditations, or a period of silence, or both, may follow the Gospel.

The service continues with the Creed, or with the Prayers of the People.

For the Prayers of the People a Litany of Healing, as follows, may be used.

Litany of Healing

The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding

Celebrant: Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

The People audibly name those for whom they are interceding.

A Person appointed then leads the Litany

Celebrant: God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation:

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Celebrant: God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly:

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Celebrant: God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Celebrant: Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

People: We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Celebrant: Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: Grant to all who seek your guidance, and all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: Bless physicians, nurses, chaplains, hospice workers, caregivers and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved:

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

People: Hear us, O Lord of life.

Celebrant: You are the Lord who does wonders:

People: You have declared your power among the peoples.

Celebrant: With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

People: And in your light we see light.

Celebrant: Hear us, O Lord of life:

People: Heal us, and make us whole.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

A period of silence follows.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with one of the following or some other suitable Collect:

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Or this

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

Or this

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: Amen

A Confession of Sin follows,

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant & People:

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
In thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done,
And by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
Have mercy on us and forgive us;
That we may delight in your will,
And walk in your ways,
To the glory of your Name
Amen

The Celebrant stands and asks God's blessing and forgiveness with the following words:

May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen

The Celebrant now invites those who wish to receive the laying on of hands (and anointing) to come forward.

If oil for the anointing of the sick is to be blessed, the Book of Common Prayer, page 225, is used.

The following anthem is sing or said

Celebrant: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;

People: **Save us, and help, us we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

The Celebrant says the following blessing over those who have come forward.

Celebrant: The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you known and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

The Celebrant then lays hands on each person (and, having dipped a thumb in the oil of the sick, makes the sign of the cross on their foreheads, and says one of the following:

(Name) I anoint you with oil in the and I (or we) lay my hands (or our) hands upon you in the Name of Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Or this:

(Name), I lay my hands upon you and anoint you with oil in the Name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain you with his presence, to drive away all sickness of body and spirit, and to give you that victory of life and peace which will enable you to serve him both now and evermore.

People: **Amen.**

Or prayers may be offered for each person individually according to that person's need, with laying on of hands and anointing.

Lay persons with a gift of healing may join the celebrant in the laying on of hands.

If there is not to be a Communion, the service concludes with the Lord's Prayer and the prayer and blessings given below.

If the Eucharist is to be celebrated, the Liturgy continues with the Offertory.

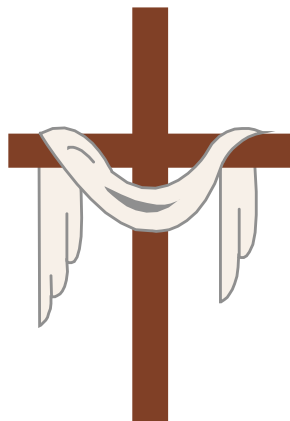
In place of the usual post communion prayer (or, if there has not been a Communion, after the Lord's Prayer), the following prayer is said:

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The celebrant pronounces this blessing:

Celebrant: May God the Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

People: Amen.



A Table of Suggested Lessons and Psalms

Old Testament

Exodus 16:13-15 (Manna in the wilderness)
1 Kings 17:17-24 (Elijah restores the widow's son to life)
2 Kings 5:9-14 (Healing of Naaman)
2 Kings 20:1-5 (I have heard your prayer . . . I will heal you)
Isaiah 11:1-3a (The gifts of the Spirit)
Isaiah 42:1-7 (The suffering servant)
Isaiah 53:3-5 (With his stripes are we healed)
Isaiah 61:1-3 (Good tidings to the afflicted)

Psalms

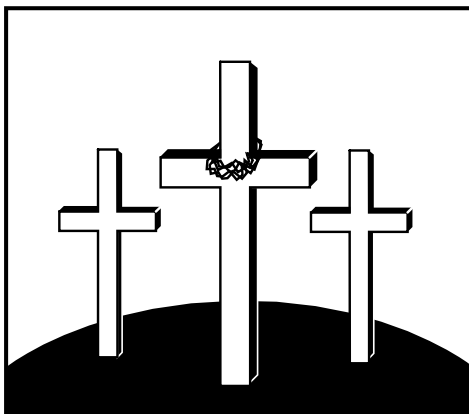
Psalms 113 (My heart is joyful because of your saving help)
Psalm 20:1-6 (May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble)
Psalm 23 (You have anointed my head with oil)
Psalm 27 or 27:1-7, 9, 18 (The Lord is the strength of my life)
Psalm 91 (He will give his angels charge over you)
Psalm 103 (He forgives all your sins)
Psalm 121 (My help comes from the Lord)
Psalm 130 (My soul waits for the Lord)
Psalm 139:1-17 (Where can I go from your Spirit?)
Psalm 145:14-22 (The eyes of all wait on you, O Lord)
Psalm 146 (Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help)

New Testament

Acts 3:1-10 (Peter and John heal the lame man)
Acts 5:12-16 (Healings in Jerusalem; Peter's shadow)
Acts 10:36-43 (Apostolic preaching: He went about . . . healing)
Acts 16:16-18 (The slave girl with the spirit of divination)
Romans 8:18-23 (We await the redemption of our bodies)
Romans 8:31-39 (Nothing can separate us from the love of God)
2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (God comforts us in affliction)
Colossians 1:11-20 (May you be strengthened with all power)
Hebrews 12:1-2 (Looking to Jesus, the perfecter of our faith)
James 5:13-14-16 (Is any among you sick?)
1 John 5:13-15 (That you may know that you have eternal life)

The Gospel

Matthew 9:2-8 (Your sins are forgiven)
Matthew 26:26-30, 36-39 (The Last Supper: Not as I will)
Mark 1:21-28 (Jesus heals the man with the unclean spirit)
Mark 1:29-34a (Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law and others)
Mark 5:1-20 (Healing of Gerasene demoniac)
Mark 5:22-24 (Healing of Jairus' daughter)
Mark 6:7, 12-13 (They anointed with oil many that were sick)
Luke 17:11-19 (Your faith has made you well)
John 5:1b-9 (Do you want to be healed?)
John 6:47-51 (I am the bread of life)
John 9:1-11 (Healing of the man born blind)



A Short Prayer for a Sick Friend

God always answers prayers made in faith. I pray now for _____, that the Lord may help him (her) in this illness. God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation.

Lord, hear my prayer.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being.

Lord, hear my prayer.

Lord, give _____, the security of knowing that he (she) is always in your care.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayer of your servant; in the multitude of Your mercies, look with compassion upon _____ and all who turn to You for help; for You are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you I give glory, Father,





“Is any one among you sick?

They should call the elders

Of the church to pray

Over them and

anoint them with oil

In the name of

The Lord.

And the prayer offered in

Faith will make the

Sick person well;

The Lord will raise them up.

If they have sinned

They will be forgiven”

James 5:14-15



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